

GERMAN COMMERCE COLLAPSES UNDER PRESSURE OF WAR

Dr. Emil Lederer Virtually Admits the Fact, But Points to Good Harvest as Some Consolation.

BERLIN, Sept. 28. Whatever be the outcome of the war, the trade of Germany has been so crippled that it is now on the verge of total collapse. The progress made in manufacturing in recent years was simply amazing. At the outbreak of the war Germany had probably overtaken Great Britain, so far as foreign trade was concerned, and a year hence would have relegated her rival to second place in the world's commerce.

DR. LEDERER'S VIEWS. An article by Dr. Emil Lederer in the Vossische Zeitung is an interesting revelation of the extent to which German industry has been already hit by the war.

The removal of all men capable of bearing arms has smashed industry to atoms. All the links uniting the various trades have been broken. The crisis with regard to money and credit which occurred in the first instance was accentuated by the necessity of financing the war by a single stroke.

At present there is little sign of life. We see the apparent paradox that in spite of the increasing absorption for military purposes of men capable of working, there is an increase of unemployment among those that remain behind. Even the much-sought-after labor of women cannot find employment. Day after day undertakings are shut down or their output diminished.

What are the decisive economic facts? Does the complete break-up of industry which threatens Germany involve a disruption also of agriculture and the supply of necessities? The war means for Germany: First, the prevention of exports, especially of articles of luxury; secondly, the prevention of imports of the means of subsistence, especially raw materials, such as cotton, copper, etc.; thirdly, the reduction or alteration in demand by all at the front and the restriction of demand by those remaining at home. There is no longer any demand for articles of luxury.

GERMAN HARVEST GOOD. Against these facts, which apparently involve the Government outlook for the near future, Dr. Lederer mentioned others which tend to relieve the picture. Germany, he says, has had a remarkably good harvest, so that, on the whole, the purchasing power of the agricultural industry is remarkably big.

The same applies to industries which supply the needs of the army and other public purposes. The problem is to use this purchasing power in such a way as to give all those branches which supply the needs of the above-mentioned industries.

WHY GERMANY EXCELLED. The author concludes by recommending the formation of a Central Permanent Committee representing all the interests to see what can be done for the revival, even upon a comparatively limited basis, of the trade and industries ruined by the war.

ARGENT OF WARSAW FORT. ZEPPELIN FALLS TO EARTH. Aerial Assault Falls When Fierce Fire Pierces Envelope.

WARSAW, Sept. 28. A Zeppelin was shot down and its crew of German officers and air soldiers was captured after a futile attack upon the Modlin fortress.

STORIES OF ADVENTURE FROM EUROPEAN WAR ZONE

A striking incident occurred at the conclusion of High Mass in St. Patrick's Church yesterday when the vast congregation was astounded to hear the great organ peal out the tune, "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary." St. Patrick's is the largest Irish Catholic congregation in Canada, and thousands of its members are in the contingent of 32,000 Canadian soldiers now on their way across the Atlantic to the war.

An exciting story of the war is printed today by the Petit Parisien. It concerns the adventures of Richard Macgrary, a private in the Scottish Highlanders, who was captured by the Germans near Noyon.

British warriors have a new song. It is: "Cavaliers, O Cavaliers! You win into battle sweet. For your faith, and for your spirit, For your King your blood and tears."

One for King and country all. Feebles here the battle sees. Sound the bugle! At the call Help us, so we hit the wall. Ironsides and Cavaliers!

A letter written by an English private says: "I see you are all excited about getting us plenty of socks, but Heaven only knows when we shall get a chance to wear them. I haven't been out of my boots for a fortnight."

"It is rigorously forbidden for any woman to cast amorous glances at British and French prisoners," is the text of a proclamation issued by the military governor of Stuttgart.

A British soldier writes this to relatives at home: "Things are a good deal easier with us now, for the Germans are getting tired of always butting their heads against a stone wall."

Paris is quiet and serene. The people are calm and confident. Thousands of French and British flags flutter from the houses. The shops are open, but business is very quiet.

Men and women, bearing some of them, the prominent American, the bull working in the Neully Hospital at the most menial tasks with admirable self-obliteration. It is the duty of an American multi-millionaire to see to it that wounded Turcos, some of whom have been without a change of clothes for a fortnight, are thoroughly and conscientiously scrubbed.

A visitor to the American Hospital at Neully sends this account of the Turcos. "Splendid fellows the Turcos are, most of them, with their white teeth and fiery, feverish Eastern eyes. They smoke incessantly, some of them so cigarette a day. But English cigarettes are not fiery enough for their palate. Fortunately, I had brought with me a number of English cigarettes and one of them, the most profusely illustrated, I left for the Turcos' delight. They love pictures, said the nurse, and will be looking at them for hours at a time."

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took them all." A packet of English cigarettes—the first he had smoked for a long time—was in his pocket. He lay back, and took his first inhalation with an infinite satisfaction. English soldiers seem to find the French tobacco too harsh and strong. Newspapers, too, are always welcome, for in modern warfare it is the looker-on who sees most of the great game.

The Free Masons of Rome have offered the Government the great palace used by the Grand Lodge as headquarters for use as a hospital should Italy enter the war. This is the largest structure of its kind in Rome. The Minister of War has replied that if the need arises the kind offer will be accepted.

There is mourning in Berlin. Each day more and more death cards "for King and Fatherland" appear among the advertisements in the papers. A son, a husband, a brother, is lamented. The number of black-bordered cards fill a page of each paper. And this is true in every town in western Europe.

Hundreds of Parisians went last week in pious pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Bayne and Pantin to pay tribute to the graves of the soldiers. Early in the morning women entered the graveyards, their arms full of flowers. The fresh-made graves were strewn with Marguerites. Women of poor families brought artificial flowers and wreaths.

A soldier writing to his relatives in Paris of the recent fighting says: "The German officers tried many tricks. For instance, there were shouts in French, 'Fix bayonets, forward, charge.' This was to lure us out of our trenches. One unfortunate section was deceived, and as it charged was cut down by fire from a machine gun. They are continually rattling the cry, 'Cease firing!' Nobody heeds it now, but this disregard has got us into some awkward situations, as on several occasions our own officers had given the order."

He had only thought of the Uhlans. "We came upon a dozen of them one day in a village. We were seven, but as soon as they saw us up went their hands. We

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HEPPE. Royal Warrant of Appointment of the Pianola—His Majesty George V of England.

The royal significance of the Pianola. Years ago the ability to play the harp was used as a method of distinguishing the freed-man from the slave. A harp was a possession which a slave could not afford, and the ability to play it was an art that none but nobility had time and opportunity to acquire.

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Yesterday's list included only 10,527, so that apparently other lists, totalling more than 20,000, were issued in Berlin between Wednesday and Sunday without reaching the outside world. These figures bear out all the reports about the terrific fighting that has been going on, especially along the line of the Aisne.

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